

EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT + RECREATION

MONTHLY THEMES

Each day is centered around a monthly theme that is designed to educate and broaden participants' understanding of various arts, culture & environmental topics.

September – Raiders of the Lost Park Participants will learn and play new outdoor adventure games and learn fun outdoor skills like treasure hunting, tracking and knot tying.

October – Around the World in 31 Days Youth will become global citizens as they are exposed to the many cultures throughout the world, helping to foster an appreciation for cultural diversity and developing cross-cultural understandings.

November – Wild Arts Alive! Youth will explore their artistic side as they use the Sequoia Park Zoo animals as inspiration and are exposed to a variety of art mediums, including painting, drawing, mosaics and much more.

December – Winter Wonderland This month, youth will learn about different cultures, animals and countries that call the cold their home.

January – Galaxy Gallery Blast off as the wonders of our galaxies are explored. This month, youth will investigate the wacky world of science and engage in FUN projects and experiments.

February – Barnyard Bonanza This month, youth will get down on the farm as they participate in activities where they learn about agriculture and the barnyard animals.

March – Marsh Madness This month is going to be wild! Youth will learn all about our planet's diverse animals & the habitats in which they live, with a focus on Humboldt County's ecosystem and the animals found in our own backyard.

April – Watershed Heroes Explore the amazing animals that have adapted to living in and around water. This month, youth will get to know the river otters, bald eagles and salmon, and discover all of the amazing features of the new Watershed Heroes exhibit.

May – Eco-Explorers Youth will engage in activities that encourage environmental awareness, learning ways to have a minimum impact and make a positive contribution in the effort to take care of our planet.

June – Mission Fun & Fitness Have fun as we go on a mission to explore delicious healthy foods and FUN ways to stay active!



City of Eureka
Parks & Recreation

Outside the Box!

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OUTSIDE
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New!
**After-School
Program**
@ the Sequoia Park Zoo



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM...OUTSIDE THE BOX!



Where youth are encouraged to **THINK, LEARN & PLAY outside the box!**

THINK Outside the Box: We believe in the importance of leadership & mentoring tomorrow's leaders. This program aims to create a solid foundation that will have a long-lasting impact on the lives of the youth in our community. No one child fits into a single labeled check box, which is why Eureka Parks & Recreation is proud to present a program where youth are celebrated for their individuality. From the

minute youth walk through the doors of our program, they will feel safe to be exactly who they are, have their voices heard and feel a sense of belonging. With character building woven into each activity, youth will develop their personal growth while learning to positively communicate and build respectful relationships with others.

LEARN Outside the Box: While there is no shortage of fun in this program, we place equal emphasis on providing educational experiences that foster leadership skills. This leadership focused program will teach youth to discover their potential, unearth the learning value in challenges, set goals and have the confidence to pursue them.

PLAY Outside the Box: This ain't your daddy's blacktop. Whether it be the Sequoia Park Zoo or the majestic redwood forest in our backyard, our new after-school program location offers a plethora of natural wonders where youth have the opportunity to participate in hands-on learning experiences that are crafted to deepen their connection to the outside world.

ACTIVITIES & ENRICHMENT Each day features a variety of fun, educational & enriching activities including tutoring & academic support, enrichment clubs, junior leader program, watershed heroes projects, special guest speakers, educational trips to various exhibits & attractions at the zoo, cultural events & celebrations, creative art projects, non-competitive group games, free time to read or play with friends, and each day participants will enjoy a healthy afternoon snack prepared by Food for People.

PROGRAM HOURS

Monday 1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Outside the Box After-School Program is open according to the official school calendar of Eureka City Schools and is closed during vacations and school holidays. Extended hours are available on early dismissal days. Outside the Box will be operating from August 25th—June 14th.

LOCATION This year, the Outside the Box After-School Program takes place at the Sequoia Park Zoo located at 3414 W Street in Eureka.

FOR MORE INFORMATION If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Coordinator at 441-4240.

REGISTRATION

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Outside the Box After-School Program offers a unique and flexible payment policy designed to assist the ever-changing needs of today's families. For a flexible payment plan, families may choose to register by the month. To take advantage of additional discounts, families may choose to register by the session or by the year. Fees are due upon registration. Checks must be made payable to the City of Eureka.

BY THE MONTH:

If you register mid-month, the initial monthly fee will be pro-rated at a \$6.75/day rate. Monthly rates will vary due to the number of days programming is provided each month. Monthly fees are as follows:

Aug/September - \$175.50	October - \$155.25	November - \$94.50
December - \$101.25	January - \$128.25	February - \$101.25
March - \$148.50	April - \$114.75	May - \$135.00
June - \$60.50		

BY THE SESSION:

Sessions provide families a 10% discount and cannot be pro-rated if registering mid-session. Session fees are as follows:

FALL SESSION August 25 to December 19	WINTER SESSION January 5 to March 31	SPRING SESSION April 1 to June 11
\$473.85	\$340.20	\$279.23

BY THE YEAR:

The yearly fee provides families a 15% discount.

2014-2015 School Year
\$1,032.54



WHEN ARE FEES DUE?

If you choose to pay monthly or by sessions, it is your responsibility to make all payments by the 25th of the month prior to the month your child will attend in order to avoid a \$25 late fee and the possibility of losing your space.

"I like coming to the after-school program because the leaders are friendly and helpful. I always have a blast."
Matthew, Age 11

REGISTRATION

All children must be pre-registered prior to attending Outside the Box After-School Program at the Sequoia Park Zoo. The registration process will continue until all spaces are filled. After the maximum is reached, children will be put on a waiting list and notified immediately of an opening. The registration and payment policy is strictly followed.

WHEN DO I REGISTER?

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins **Friday, August 1st, 2014**, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration process automatically reserves a space for your child for the entire school year, regardless of your payment plan. We encourage you to register as early as possible as enrollment is limited for this popular program. Registration is ongoing and children can join the program anytime during the school year if openings are available.



WHERE DO I REGISTER?

Registration takes place at the Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive. The Adorni Center hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.—9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.—9 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.—4p.m. There is NO on-site registration at the zoo. When registering, please note that the following information will need to be provided: emergency contacts, name and phone number of child's physician, any other parties allowed to pick up the child including their name and phone number and any other additional information including medication and/or allergies.

REFUND/WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Non-attendance/non-participation in the program does not entitle a participant to a refund. A refund will only be given in the event that there is a child on the waiting list, willing to take their place. If there is no one on the waiting list, we will not honor the refund.



HOW TO REACH STAFF OR YOUR CHILD DURING PROGRAM

The after-school program's phone number is 502-7998. If our staff does not answer the phone, it may mean they are running an activity, please call back. You can also call the Recreation Coordinator at 441-4240.

play + Learn Outside the Box!

WATERSHED HEROES EXHIBIT

The Outside the Box After-School Program takes place at the brand new **Watershed Heroes Exhibit** at the Sequoia Park Zoo.

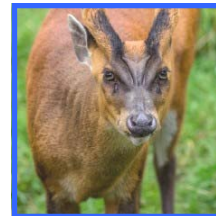


This awe-inspiring exhibit features pools that enable your child to see **otters** playing underwater in one direction and **salmon** swimming under waterfalls in the other. Several interactive play

elements help children understand watersheds and the important role salmon play in human, animal and forest life on the North Coast.

Outside the new Learning Lab, kids can observe the first **bald eagles** to call Sequoia Park Zoo home. The Bald Eagle Aviary provides a permanent home for injured birds that can no longer fly, within a natural setting on the edge of the redwood forest. The entire exhibit is a living example of a healthy watershed, where visitors can learn how everything is interconnected – and how they can help protect this fragile environment.

SEQUOIA PARK ZOO



This after-school program is located in the Sequoia Park Zoo. Home to over 150 animals on 5 acres, including a petting zoo and free-flight aviary. From the various animal exhibits, to the bird aviary and barnyard petting zoo, your child will have the opportunity to interact with and observe all of the residents of the Sequoia Park Zoo through various educational activities and walking field trips.

SEQUOIA PARK

This after-school program's backyard is a 67 acre facility that includes two playgrounds, open turf grass, picnic tables, group picnic area and a gazebo bandstand. Just outside the zoo's northern perimeter is the Sequoia Park Garden, a gorgeous collection of dahlias and other colorful blooms. The garden also features a wishing well and gazebo seating area. Each day your child will get to play outdoor games, take nature hikes, enjoy picnics and take full advantage of the various play structures!



PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Parents, guardians and authorized individuals listed on the Waiver Form are required to sign their children in and out when they drop-off and pick-up. Arrangements must be made ahead of time for someone other than the designated parent/guardian to sign their child in and out. A child will not be released to a third party under any circumstances without the parent's written or verbal approval. **A PICTURE ID IS REQUIRED OF EVERYONE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD.** Please do not drop your children off before 2:30 p.m., as they will not be supervised.

ABSENCES

If your child will not be attending the after-school program for any reason, please leave a message notifying the after-school program by noon that day, so staff will know not to expect your child. The number is 502-7998. You may receive a phone call that afternoon verifying your child's absence.

MEDICATION

Staff cannot administer medication to children. If your child requires medication, please place medication in its original container inside a zip lock bag with your child's name. Include explicit instructions (for your child) on how and at what time the medication is to be taken. Please talk with your child ahead of time regarding these instructions. Staff cannot apply sunscreen, bug spray or any other similar topical treatment to children.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Several school busses drop off directly in front of Sequoia Park Zoo. Please contact your child's school for more information.

LATE POLICY

All participants must be picked up by 5:30 p.m. You jeopardize your child's privilege to attend the program by not picking him/her up at the designated closing time. If you are late, you will be billed for the time the two staff are required to stay with your child.

STAFF

Eureka Parks & Recreation staff are people who love kids! They want to spend their time mentoring, teaching and working with children. All staff are first aid & CPR certified, fingerprinted and TB tested, and receive extensive training. Staff consistently show their enthusiasm, dedication, creativity and talent in working with children. You can be sure that we are hiring the "best of the best" to work with your children.

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR GUIDANCE

Outside the Box After-School Program provides youth the opportunity to gain valuable life skills in decision making, peer relations, cooperation and building self-confidence. Staff utilize and encourage the practice of positive recognition as effective methods of behavior guidance and are **constantly on the lookout for what kids are doing right!**

Youth Playing Outside the Box...

- Engage in diverse and meaningful activities that develop values, skills and relationships
- Have equal rights to be accepted, respected and valued by others.
- Are involved in decision making and program design. When youth have a voice, they are far more likely to enjoy themselves and behave cooperatively.
- Enjoy a variety of fun incentive programs that are used to encourage safe, respectful and responsible behavior.

Behavior that does not contribute to the well-being of others will be dealt with in a fair and respectful manner. Natural consequences will be applied to encourage learning. Parents/guardians will be notified of all inappropriate behaviors and may be requested to pick up their child immediately. Program fees for days lost will not be reimbursed. Eureka Parks & Recreation staff reserve the right to remove any child permanently from the program should it be necessary to do so.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

If you have any concerns or suggestions that will help us serve your children better, please let our staff know. For example:

- Help us learn about your child's special talents and strengths.
- Tell us when your child needs extra help or support.
- Ask us questions if you don't understand our policies and procedures.
- Keep us informed about any important changes so we can serve you better.
- **VISIT WHENEVER YOU CAN. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



"Homework Time!"



"The After-School Program is a socially enriching program maintained by a fabulous group of individuals."

Christopher Murietta, Parent